

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 1988

AWARD BID FOR THE
PURCHASE OF TWO
DIGGER-DERRICK
BUCKET TRUCKS

RES. NO. 88-139

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The City Council adopted Resolution No. 88-139 awarding the bid for two digger-derrick/bucket trucks to the low bidder, meeting specifications, Pac Power, Dixon, California, in the amount of \$262,033.70.

The City Council was advised that on August 17, 1988, it had approved specifications and authorized the advertisement for bids for two digger-derrick/bucket trucks. These units are for replacement of existing line truck #2 and for use by the additional line crew being added to the Department's staff during this fiscal year. The specifications call for a truck configuration with the aerial unit mounted behind the cab. It was subsequently determined to request a bid for a configuration with the aerial mounted over the rear axle and thus an addendum to the specifications was mailed to all prospective bidders. This alternate configuration does offer an advantage in unique work situations and it is felt that the Department would benefit from having one unit of, this "over-the-axle" arrangement in its equipment fleet.

The apparent low bidder, West Coast Utility Equipment Co., did take seven exceptions to the specifications of which one is especially significant. The specifications call for the 'top controls' of the aerial device, i.e. the controls used to operate (manipulate) the unit from either bucket position to "be removable and capable of being mounted to the lip of either bucket." The ability of the operator to position the controls at any location on the bucket lip, i.e. between the operator and the work area and within view and easy reach, is a significant safety feature. The apparent low bidder's control unit is located on the boom supporting the buckets, thus not meeting this very important safety requirement.

Based on the exception(s) taken by the apparent low bidder, the above recommended award was made. This recommendation is further based on one unit of each configuration.

Funding for this purchase was included in the 1988-89 fiscal year budget.